



# AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY  
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION  
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.**

**Meeting Location:** Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Sybil Brand Room  
500 W Temple St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**To Provide Public Comment:** You may submit written public comment via email to [admin@lanaic.lacounty.gov](mailto:admin@lanaic.lacounty.gov). Please submit your public comment or documentation as soon as possible but no later than 5 p.m. the night before the scheduled meeting.

ANDREA N. GARCIA, M.D., Chair  
*Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara*

DENISE ESCOTO, Commissioner  
*Northern Cheyenne*

RENE' WILLIAMS, Commissioner  
*Colville Tribes*

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. ROLL CALL

## 3. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Review and take possible action adopting the December 19th, 2023 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Homelessness Subcommittee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Discuss follow-up with City of LA and develop an agenda and talking points for anticipated meeting with LA City Chief Housing and Homelessness Officer

6.2 Discuss pending reports and timelines

6.3 Discuss potential for community reconvening and report back

6.4 Discuss Fall 2024 research symposium with USC Homelessness Policy Research Institute (HPRI)

6.4.1 Outreach to HPRI for 2 possible dates, and whether this is in-person or virtual

6.4.2 Develop plan for outreach to potential speakers

6.4.3 Discuss budget needs and sources

## 7. CHAIR'S REPORT

7.1 AIAN Homelessness Board Motion Updates

7.2 AIAN Housing Collaborative Updates

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024, 5:30 P.M.**

**8. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**10. COMMITTEE ADJOURNMENT**

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**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN  
INDIAN COMMISSION UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF  
December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

ANDREA N. GARCIA, M.D., Chair  
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The December 19, 2023, meeting of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Homelessness Subcommittee was held at The Chapter House, 1770 Glendale Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair of the Homelessness Subcommittee Garcia called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:     Andrea Garcia  
               Rene' Williams  
               Denise Escoto

Quorum was met.

**COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioners provided a brief check in.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was submitted.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Review & Approval of the Unapproved October 27th, 2023, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Homelessness Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rene' Williams and seconded by Commissioner Denise Escoto to approve the unapproved October 27th, 2023 LANAIC Homelessness Subcommittee Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7.1 Discuss follow-up with City regarding letter sent by Chair requesting a sustainability plan following the end of the consultant contract addressing AIAN homelessness. Request meeting and discuss potential agenda with LA City Chief Housing and Homelessness Officer.

Subcommittee Chair Andrea Garcia shared that the letter was sent twice by the ED and Chair with no response. The letter was not discussed in the City Appointee meeting with the Mayor's office. A plan was made for the subcommittee to reach out to a different contact, Jared Rivera, for follow-up and to also request a meeting with the LA City Chief Housing and Homelessness Officer. The stated purpose of this meeting will be to share information and identify shared priorities and points of collaboration. A suggestion was also made to invite City representation to the County AIAN Internal Working Group, given that the City did attend these meetings in the past. Lastly, Commissioner Williams expressed concern with the different roles that City and County play in the overall COC. While this body has been advocating for a County position, the question was posed whether an equivalent position would be useful at the City level as well.

#### 7.2 Discuss infographic and social media assets

Final changes were agreed upon for the social media assets and infographic. A date of January 9<sup>th</sup> was agreed upon to share formally share the infographic and post the social media assets. Commissioner Garcia will draft an email to be shared with Commissioners and other partners.

#### 7.3 Discuss pending reports and timeline

Commissioner Garcia shared that the report design is nearly finalized, and that she is checking with the original report authors to properly credit them, as well as share recent updates. A specific release date was not identified, but within January was shared as ideal.

#### 7.4 Discuss collaboration with USC Homelessness Policy Research Institute

Commissioner Garcia shared HPRI's desire to further support the work of the LANAIC by hosting a Fall 2024 research symposium focused on AIAN homelessness research. A short list of potential topics and speakers were brainstormed including, 1) Inviting Canadian professor and author, Jesse Thistle, to speak about the definitions of Indigenous homelessness and the intersections with his best-selling book; 2) Inviting Abigail Echohawk from the Urban Indian Health Institute to speak about data genocide particularly as it relates to Urban Indians and best practices shared by UIHI; 3) UC Berkeley student Alyssa Macias-Orgaz to present on her findings examining the different Indigenous community housing models found internationally; 4) Inviting an author from the updated 2024 We The Resilient report.

#### 7.5 Identify standing meeting dates and times

It was agreed upon that subcommittee meetings will be held the third Tuesday of the month, or otherwise planned to align with our larger Commission meetings, and will be held at 5:30pm in the Sybil Brand Room

CHAIR'S REPORT

AIAN Homelessness Board Motion Updates

A request for report back to the LANAIC by CEO HI and consultant was revisited.

AIAN Housing Collaborative Updates – No updates were provided.

COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No additional comments were provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To be requested for the main LANAIC agenda: A report back to the LANAIC by CEO HI and consultant

COMMITTEE ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 P.M.